

Mounds, Illinois  
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Mrs. Effa Manley  
71 Crawford Street  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Manley: Your letter of the 18th, inst., has just been received and I must say that its contents were read with considerable pleasure and interest.

Your keen insight as to the working order of organized baseball was evidenced in the reference to the averages and statistics. These are the fundamentals upon which interest is built and instilled within the public mind. We read a lot of ballyhoo about our players and their achievements, but we have failed dismally in keeping accurate check on what our players are really doing in each game. I believe our organization has such a man to do the job capably for the Black Yankees and we shall try and give the statistics on every player during next season.

Concerning the meeting: I am certain that the earlier the meeting is held the more time the league will have to prepare for next season; however, I am not certain as to whether the meeting is being delayed until the white major leagues have released their schedules or some other difficulties are involved.

For this reason I can not possibly pass an opinion until I am **certain** of a correct viewpoint.

I appreciated your letter and I shall look forward to meeting you and Mr. Manly.

Best wishes for the Yuletide season.

Very truly yours,

*Allen Johnson*  
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